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SENATOR PREISTER: Well, I'm not sure I can get to all of the questions that Senator Wehrbein had. Senator Wehrbein, I don't have the actual breakdown, or the percentage breakdown of the spills based on whether they're agricultural chemicals, or diesel fuel, or the other types of spills, but we will check with DEQ...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and see if they can give us a more accurate breakdown of what those spills were and I will get those to you. If not, I'm not sure we can get them to you yet this morning, but we will get those in more specificity of what those nearly 2,000 spills have been over the course of the last five years. With that I will conclude. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, I'm not going to speak on this again, but I will be interested in that and I do intend to follow through and vote for this at this stage with reservations at Select File and Final Reading, partly because I want to get the amount of spills and where it is at, but mostly because it bothers me some. And I don't know if there is a way or not, but spending \$150,000 of State General Funds for three years, and then the reimbursement going back to County General Funds, I...I don't mind doing this so much. I think the mechanism ought to be in place but I also, it looks like...I was wondering if there was any commitment on the part of counties to then fund these locally. Senator Schimek, I have one last question for you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: In the testimony that this money going back to County General Funds from NEMA...FEMA, I guess that's who reimburses at the federal level, was there any commitment on the part of the local officials then to use some of that money to support their local LEPCs in that as...because they were going to be getting some of the money back as reimbursement?